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The following are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a language other than English.

- a. **Japanese Patent Publication No. JP-A-2002-078751**. The relevance of this document is discussed at page 1 of the specification of the present application.
- b. **Japanese Patent Publication No. JP-A-07-227408**. The relevance of this document is discussed at page 3 of the specification of the present application.
- c. **Japanese Patent Publication No. JP-A-2001-247021**. The relevance of this document is discussed at page 5 of the specification of the present application.

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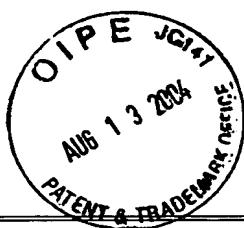
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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						YES      NO
	<b>JP-A-2002-078751</b>	<b>March 19, 2002</b>	<b>Japan</b>			X
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	<b>JP-A-2001-247021</b>	<b>September 11, 2001</b>	<b>Japan</b>			X

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